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 postage on Letters addressed to Batavia, will be 18 c  
 paid by French Packet will be 18 c

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES

**Post-Office Notifications.**

*A mail will close,*  
For Shanghai.—*For Amoy* to-day, the instant, at 4.30 P.M.  
For Manila.—*For Canadiana*, to-day, 10th inst., at 9 P.M.  
For Saigon.—*For Pondou*, to-day, the instant, at 4.30 P.M.  
For Singapore, Galle and Bombay.—*Columbian*, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 11 P.M.  
For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—*Indian Pacific Hindistan*, on Tuesday, the instant, at 2.30 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE "UNITED STATES PACKET."**  
The United States Mail Packet "JAPANESE" will be dispatched on MONDAY, the 14th inst., at 9 P.M., with the Mail-Boat, for Yokohama, San Francisco, the U. States and the United Kingdom.  
The Post Office will be open for the receipt of Outlying Letters, Books, Newspapers, until 3.30 P.M.  
Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 P.M. to 2.50 P.M., on payment of Late Fee of 12 cents in advance.  
The Post Office will be closed on Tuesday, to all above places by this route is compulsory. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.  
The Post Office is requested to Yokohama the United States must be superscribed **JAPAN**, and that addressed to the U. Kingdom must be superscribed "*via San Francisco*."  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster-General.

**General Post Office,**  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1873.

**MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PACKET."**  
The French Mail Packet "TIGER" will be dispatched on THURSDAY, the 15th inst., at 9 P.M., for Yokohama, San Francisco, and to and through the United Kingdom, Marseilles, to France and other Continental States (in a closed mail to France), to San Francisco, Galle, Calcutta, Madras, Ben-Ron Seychelles, Reunion and Mauritius, and Alexandria.  
The Post Office will be open for the receipt of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, and other articles on FRIDAY, the 16th inst., at 10 P.M., after which time no Letters can be received.  
Money Orders on any of the Money Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 14th inst.  
Letters and Telegrams will be received until 10 A.M. on the 16th inst.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster-General.

**General Post Office,**  
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1874.

It is hereby notified, that henceforward Postage on Letters addressed to Batavia, for the French Packet, will be 18 cents for each half ounce, pre-payment compulsory.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster-General.

**General Post Office,**  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1873.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) has given notice to the General Post Office in Hongkong, that the postage on Letters to the Colony are chargeable with Customs Duty, the undersigned considers it necessary to make this Regulation known to the Public, and that all Letters or parcels containing such articles sent through Post are liable with their contents, to the Customs.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster-General.

**General Post Office,**  
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1874.

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA PANAMA, TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.**

THE S. S. "JAPAN" will leave Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, MONDAY, the 15th inst., at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, Mails, and Freight, for Japan, United States, and Europe.  
Through Passenger Tickets and Bills Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe, VIA PANAMA, GO, ST. PAUL, and other Ports required.  
At Yokohama, the Passengers will be placed ashore, via the Island Sea Ports, about the 17th inst., and make close connection at Yokohama.  
At New York and Aspinwall, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers for England, France, and Germany.  
Passenger Tickets are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.  
Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. of the 11th inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. of the 14th inst. All Freight Packages should be prepaid on board, and the Receipts left at the Agency.  
For further information as to Passage, Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company West.  
T. A. HARRIS,  
Agent.

Hongkong, January 1st, 1874.

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**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**  
**PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.**

**STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEEN SUZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSALA.**

**MALDO, CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.**

ON THURSDAY, the 15th January, 1874, at noon, the Company's Steamship "TIGRE," Commandant LAKONTRE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave for the above places. Cargo and Species will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted transit through Marseilles for the principal ports of Europe.  
Shipping articles will be granted till noon, and parcels will be received on board until 3 P.M. of the 14th inst. Species and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 14th inst. 1874. Parcels are not to be taken on board after 1 P.M. left at the Agency. Contents and value of Packages to be required.  
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.  
C. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1874.

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEEN SUZ, MALTA, BERLIN, BREMEN, VENICE, AND TERRANEN PORTS, AND SOUTHAMPTON.**

**ALSO, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRIA.**

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "LOMBARDY," Captain E. M. GILSON, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this for the above places on THURSDAY, the 22nd January, at noon.  
Cargo and Species will be received on board until noon, and parcels at the office until 2 P.M. on the 21st inst.  
For Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.  
C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.

**A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Journey, required by the Egyptian Government, must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents, with the Bills of Lading on all Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Delay which may happen from the incorrectness of such declaration.**  
The Company reserve the option of forwarding all goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by rail, or by sea, and to deliver the same, or to be employed for the purpose.  
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

**PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S AGENTS,**  
C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.



